2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 496

September 6, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives PARISI, KAUFERT, A. WILLIAMS, HRAYCHUCK, BERCEAU, FIELDS, SHILLING, TURNER, POPE-ROBERTS and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators ROESSLER and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

AN ACT to create 66.0145 of the statutes; relating to: limiting the searchability of a governmental Internet listing of property taxes assessed.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a taxation district (district) maintains an Internet listing of property taxes assessed by the district and if the listing contains the name of a property owner whose property is assessed, the listing may not be searchable, by name, by members of the general public. Such an Internet listing may contain the property taxes assessed by the district for each parcel number or street address within the jurisdiction.

The bill also specifically authorizes a district to maintain records in its offices that contain the property taxes assessed by the district for each parcel number or street address within the jurisdiction, and these office records may also contain the name of the property owner.

For further information see the local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.0145 of the statutes is created to read:

66.0145 Listing of property tax assessments. (1) If a taxation district maintains an Internet listing of property taxes assessed within its jurisdiction and
if that listing contains the name of the property owner against whom the assessment
is made, the Internet listing may not be searchable, by name, by members of the
general public. The Internet listing may contain the amount of property taxes
assessed for each parcel number or street address within the jurisdiction.

(2) A taxation district may maintain records in the taxation district’s offices
that contain a list of property taxes assessed by the taxation district for each parcel
number or street address, and such a listing may include the property owner’s name.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after
publication.

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